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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL'S VIEW OF DIS-
CUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AT COMMONWEALTH
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ON MAY 21, RETIRING COM-
MONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL ARNOLD SMITH SAID REAL PROG-
RESS HAD BEEN MADE BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT
THEIR RECENT MEETING IN KINGSTON TOWARD BRINGING ABOUT
PEACEFUL DEMISE OF ILLEGAL SMITH REGIME IN RHODESIA.
SMITH WAS QUITE CONFIDENT THAT WITHIN YEAR AFTER SANC-
TIONS IMPOSED BY MOZAMBIQUE, SMITH REGIME WOULD BE GONE.

2. ON ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO OFFSET COST OF SANC-
TIONS, SMITH SAID "A LOT OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS" HAD
PROMISED SIGNIFICANT HELP; ONLY NAMES HE MENTIONED WERE
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ITIES EXPERT, GORDON GOUNDRY, WILL BE GOING TO EAST AFRICA WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS AT INVITATION OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE PRECISE ASSESSMENT OF WHAT SORT OF HELP MOZAMBIQUE WILL NEED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO APPLY SANCTIONS WITHOUT RUINING HER ECONOMY. GOUNDRY, WHO ACCOMPANIED SMITH ON HIS CALL ON AMBASSADOR, SAID THAT BASED ON INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, WHICH HE HOPES TO CHECK DURING HIS VISIT TO EAST AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE WOULD REQUIRE 20 TO 30 MILLION POUNDS A YEAR IN BALANCE OF PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO MAKE UP FOR LOSS OF FX EARNINGS BY RAILROADS SERVICING RHODESIA, PLUS FOOD AID. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WOULD CREATE SHORT-TERM LIQUIDITY PROBLEM, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE IMMEDIATE TRANSFUSION OF BALANCE OF PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. SMITH SAID ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE WOULD PROBABLY BE GIVEN IN BILATERAL CONTEXT AND MADE PARTICULAR APPEAL FOR US ASSISTANCE FOR BOTH ANTICIPATED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND FOOD DEFICITS.

3. COMMENT: GOUNDRY MAY BE CALLING AT US MISSIONS DURING HIS VISIT TO EAST AFRICA. BELIEVE EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA AND CONGEN LOURENCO MARQUES WILL FIND HIM WELL INFORMED AND FORTHCOMING. END COMMENT.

4. THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT SEE THIS TELEGRAM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM LONDON.

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